



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **AWANO, Koichi**

Group Art Unit: **3624**

Serial No.: **09/747,020**

Examiner: **Ella COLBERT**

Filed: **December 26, 2000**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 3284**

For: **CARD SETTLEMENT SYSTEM USING A DEBIT CARD**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 19, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 19, 2006**, extended to **October 19, 2006** by a **three (3)** month Petition for Extension of Time, and prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page of this paper.